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Voting Modernization Board

Modernizing Voting Equipment in California

Written explanation for the designations and the disclosure responsibilities of the Voting Modernization Board.

The Voting Modernization Board (VMB) was established by the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2002. This Act designates the VMB to administer the \$200,000,000.00 bond Voting Modernization Fund. The VMB consists of five members, three selected by the Governor, and two selected by the Secretary of State. The Act establishes the VMB with the authority to reject any application for fund money it deems inappropriate, excessive, or that does not comply with the intent of the Act, to assist counties in the purchase of updated voting systems (Elections Code § 19235).

The designated positions listed in the conflict of interest code include all members of the VMB, all staff to the VMB, and consultants to the VMB, unless the VMB determines that a consultant's duties are limited in scope and, based on those limited duties, the consultant should not be subject to the code's disclosure requirements. These positions are designated in the code because they are the positions whose duties involve administering the Voting Modernization Fund.